



Livingston North Local Area Committee

West Lothian Civic Centre
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10 June 2021

A meeting of the **Livingston North Local Area Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Webex Virtual Meeting** on **Friday 18 June 2021** at **9:30am**.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Session

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest - Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest
3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business and declarations of interest in any urgent business
4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of the Committee held on 7 May 2021 (herewith).
5. Police Ward Report - report by Police Scotland (herewith)
6. Fire Ward Report - report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (herewith)
7. Community Regeneration and Town Centre Fund Update - report by Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration (herewith)
8. Workplan (herewith)

NOTE **For further information please contact Karen McMahon on tel. no. 01506 281621 or email karen.mcmahon@westlothian.gov.uk**

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CODE OF CONDUCT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

This form is to help members. It is not a substitute for declaring interests at the meeting.

Members should look at every item and consider if they have an interest. If members have an interest they must consider if they have to declare it. If members declare an interest they must consider if they have to withdraw.

NAME	MEETING	DATE

AGENDA ITEM NO.	FINANCIAL (F) OR NON- FINANCIAL INTEREST (NF)	DETAIL ON THE REASON FOR YOUR DECLARATION (e.g. I am Chairperson of the Association)	REMAIN OR WITHDRAW

The objective test is whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your discussion or decision making in your role as a councillor.

Other key terminology appears on the reverse.

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SUMMARY OF KEY TERMINOLOGY FROM REVISED CODE

The objective test

“...whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your discussion or decision making in your role as a councillor”

The General Exclusions

- As a council tax payer or rate payer or in relation to the council's public services which are offered to the public generally, as a recipient or non-recipient of those services
- In relation to setting the council tax.
- In relation to matters affecting councillors' remuneration, allowances, expenses, support services and pension.
- As a council house tenant, unless the matter is solely or mainly about your own tenancy, or you are in arrears of rent.

Particular Dispensations

- As a member of an outside body, either appointed by the council or later approved by the council
- Specific dispensation granted by Standards Commission
- Applies to positions on certain other public bodies (IJB, SEStran, City Region Deal)
- Allows participation, usually requires declaration but not always
- Does not apply to quasi-judicial or regulatory business

The Specific Exclusions

- As a member of an outside body, either appointed by the council or later approved by the council
- The position must be registered by you
- Not all outside bodies are covered and you should take advice if you are in any doubt.
- Allows participation, always requires declaration
- Does not apply to quasi-judicial or regulatory business

Categories of “other persons” for financial and non-financial interests of other people

- Spouse, a civil partner or a cohabitee
- Close relative, close friend or close associate
- Employer or a partner in a firm
- A body (or subsidiary or parent of a body) in which you are a remunerated member or director
- Someone from whom you have received a registrable gift or registrable hospitality
- Someone from whom you have received registrable election expenses

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 7 MAY 2021.

Present – Councillors Dom McGuire (Chair), Alison Adamson, Andrew Miller and Robert De Bold

In Attendance

Jim Jack, Lead Officer / Head of Operational Services
Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
Beverley Akinlami,
Sandy Ross, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Andy Johnston,
Stevie Egan, Eliburn Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 6 – Community Regeneration and Town Centre Fund Update

Stevie Egan, Eliburn CC, declared an interest in item 6as there was an update within the report on the community council's town centre funding project.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair agreed that the committee would discuss each of the information only reports on the agenda.

3. MINUTE

The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 19 March 2021 as a correct record subject to noting that Stevie Egan was a member of Eliburn Community Council not Carmondean. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Learning, Policy and Resources) providing an update on youth work activities undertaken in the ward from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, service review and Covid-19 recovery and renewal planning.

It was recommended that committee notes the progress made by CLD Youth Services and partners; in particular:

1. The development of creative and innovative co-designed delivery models.

2. The establishment of a dedicated CLD Youth Services social media presence to promote the learning offer and maintain engagement with children, young people and communities.
3. A new model for the delivery of community-based youth provision.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND TOWN CENTRE FUND UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating members on activities to support communities across the ward and progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects for the ward agreed by the Council Executive on 22 October 2019 and 15 December 2020.

It was recommended that the committee notes:

1. The support provided to residents across Livingston via an energy grants scheme which was provided by two local community organisations and supported by council services;
2. Upcoming IT support which would be provided to some Knightsridge residents through the Connecting Scotland initiative;
3. Details of the new Food Pantry within Deans which was being provided by the Livingston Islamic Centre & Mosque;
4. An update on funding provided by council to the Vennie and an update on the project;
5. Ongoing support to Livingston United Football Club in their efforts to achieve “senior” club status and come a community club;
6. The updates for Town Centre Fund 2019/20 and 2020/21 projects for the ward; and
7. An update on progress towards Livingston North Partnership Centre.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within Livingston North Ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 4 1st January to 31st March 2021.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. SERVICE UPDATE - OPERATIONAL SERVICES - REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES (HEREWITH).

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services appraising members of the Operational Services activities for Livingston North from 1 January to 31 March 2021.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the work carried out by the service within the local area; and
2. Advise of any areas that require further information or investigation.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan subject to including a further report on the CLD Youth Services to the June meeting.

West Lothian Area Command

Lothian and Scottish Borders



Ward 3 Livingston North Multi Member Ward Report

Quarter 4 – 2020/2021

OFFICIAL

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Area Committee with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 29th March 2021.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of the report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Performance relative to the same period in 2020; set out in the report.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger; we take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive society
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None.
VIII	Other consultations	None.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

Introduction:

This document is intended to provide a summary of the performance of West Lothian Area Command for the reporting period of Quarter 4 2020/2021. The report references the police priorities within the Local Police Plan for West Lothian 2020-2023, namely:

- Protecting The Most Vulnerable People
- Reducing Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reducing Acquisitive Crime
- Improving Road Safety
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

The data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Partnership Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

Livingston North Community Engagement Priorities:

- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Substance Misuse
- Road Safety

Livingston North Community Officers

PC Alan McMahon

Executive Summary:

Officers in West Lothian have been focused to delivering, with our key partners, our Local Policing Priorities, and meeting our commitment to Keep People Safe.

- **Protecting the most vulnerable people**

Domestic abuse crimes is an area of focus in terms of providing confidence to report, undertaking professional investigations, providing victim support, pursuing perpetrators and managing offenders.

During 2020/2021, Operation Shoestack was established which increased solvency in respect of domestic and violent crimes. There has been an increase in domestic incidents reported during the year with many being historical incidents which have been identified by detectives engaging with victims, identifying previous partners and follow up enquiries to identify previously unreported crimes. We continued our use of Social Media to ensure the message of domestic violence being unacceptable is reiterated.

Significant demands are placed on the police when dealing with Mental Health concerns and missing persons enquiries, which can be hugely time consuming. In partnership with NHS we have access to the Acute Care and Support Team (ACAST) where officers can get direct contact with a Mental Health Nurse to seek direction and advice for persons suffering from a mental health or emotional episode. This was used on 12 occasions in March 2021 to ensure those people received the most appropriate support at source and also significantly reduced time officers spent in dealing with these issues.

We are continuing our work with St John's Hospital to refresh protocols relating to missing persons and deliver the Herbert Protocol to Care Homes, NHS and 3rd sector to help safeguard some of the most vulnerable people in areas from going missing, or maximising the likelihood of a swift and safe return.

- **Reducing Violence and Anti-Social behaviour**

During Q4, the number of reported incidents of ASB has increased compared to the 2019/20 period. This can be attributed to the pressures of continuous on/off lockdown restrictions with frustrations and low tolerance, there has however been a reduction on vandalisms and fire-raising across West Lothian.

Neighbour disputes are included in the ASB figures with persons working from home, breaches to these restrictions are more likely to be observed causing tension and low tolerance levels. West Lothian officers continue to engage with the public and utilise the 4 E's – Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce with an overall good compliance level.

There is continued attention to public space anti-social behaviour and through the Community Safety Partnership, police work closely with partners to address repeat issues. This has resulted in several ASBOs being granted by the courts. We have also been proactive in looking at repeat offenders and are pro-active in providing follow up intervention visits.

The majority of reported assaults are within private settings, predominately in domestic related with a detection rates remaining strong.

Following reports of repeat ASB in the Knightsridge and Dechmont Law area, community officers have provided support and attention to the areas. It is anticipated that as we move out of lockdown these issues improve.

- **Reducing Acquisitive Crime**

Working to Protect People by reducing the impact of acquisitive crime on our community's remains a priority in West Lothian. The number of reported Crimes of Dishonesty has decreased in particular domestic housebreakings being down about a quarter on the previous year.

As part of the "Made From Crime" Campaign, Community Officers worked alongside Trading Standards and SFRS to set up Crime Prevention packs regarding information and advice on bogus workmen, telephone/online scams and fire safety. These were thereafter distributed to vulnerable groups by West Lothian PSYV.

Furthermore, we posted a variety of Social Media posts offering online advice, in particular in relation to Rogue Traders (with Trading Standards colleagues), Bogus workmen and online/email scams. These continued online with further prevention activities planned as restrictions are relaxed.

Following investigations into a series of thefts from motor vehicles, a number of local people have been reported for multiple offences.

- **Improving Road Safety**

Officers in the West Lothian area work closely with partners to prevent collisions from occurring. During Q4, Roads Policing officers continued with Local and National Campaigns including Mobile Phone & Seatbelt Campaigns as well as a National Day of Speeding.

Through a proactive, intelligence led, targeted approach to priority locations throughout West Lothian, overall injuries in collisions have reduced by over 40%. In addition there has been a significant increase of more than 30% for people reported for dangerous driving, speeding, disqualified driving, no driving licence and no insurance.

There are continued concerns regarding the anti-social use of vehicles in the Livingston area. The majority of the gatherings are in the town centre area however have had an impact of the Livingston North ward. As a result Roads Policing officers have identified a lead officer and will be working with local officers to address this issue.

- **Tackling Serious and Organised Crime**

West Lothian officers continue to disrupt organised crime groups by targeting drugs supply offences, gathering intelligence and generate enforcement opportunities. This includes working with UK Border Agency to target those involved in online drug purchases. Due to this multi-agency approach, a substantial number of packages have been intercepted and investigations followed up.

During Q4, 13 MDA Warrants were issued and executed at various addresses within West Lothian and by the conclusion of 2020/2021, 61 MDA Warrants had been executed. We also explore all opportunities through Proceeds of Crime legislation with over £100,000 of cash and assets identified for restraint orders. A significant Cultivation was uncovered within West Lothian with an approximate value of £750,000, estimated to be the largest cultivation discovery of its kind in Scotland this year.

We continue to developed drugs intelligence from the local community. Drugs enforcement requires information from sources to build a picture and fill in the pieces of the jigsaw and the use of community intelligence in this cannot be underestimated.

Reporting Period April 2020 – March 2021			
Livingston North	Recorded		
Crime Type	YTD	LYTD	% Diff
Robbery	6	9	-33.3%
Serious Assault	14	9	+55.5%
Sexual Crimes	42	67	-37.3%
Housebreaking dwelling	4	11	+27.2%
Housebreaking non-dwelling (sheds/garages)	8	14	-42.8%
Housebreaking Other Premises	14	14	-
Theft of motor vehicle	19	23	-17.3%
Theft from motor vehicle (OLP)	31	46	-32.6%
Vandalism	103	143	-27.9%
Total drugs supply	3	1	+200.0%
Possession of Drugs	51	37	+37.8%
Common Assault	159	152	+4.6%
Common Assault - emergency worker	6	13	+53.8%
Total Crimes and Other Offences	1292	1231	+4.9%

Note: The above figures cover the period to Week 52. These are not end-of-year figures as these are not due to be released until Mid May.

Through local engagement we will continue to work with communities and partners to deliver a quality service which responds to their needs.

Together we can increase community resilience and prevent crime.

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**West Lothian
Council**

LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

LIVINGSTON NORTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Livingston North Local Area Committee on the activity within Livingston North Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31st March 2021.

B. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee Members are invited to note and provide comment on the Livingston North Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being honest, open and accountable• Focusing on our customers' needs• Making best use of our resources• Working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Quarterly reports on the Multi-member Ward Operational Plans are being produced to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan, which is a statutory requirement of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	WL CPP SOA Performance indicators.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA1304_13 Number of deliberate fires per 100,000 population SOA1304_14 Number of accidental dwelling fires per 100,000 population.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The council contributes to directly and in partnership to the delivery of the Ward Plan
VII Consideration at PDSP	None
VIII Consultations	West Lothian Citizen's Panel Survey, July 2014.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D.1 Background

Quarterly reports on the Multi-Member Ward Operational Plans have been produced by SFRS to ensure delivery of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2018, which is a requirement under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, Section 41E.

D.2 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Livingston North Multi-member Ward Quarterly Report

Following the publication of the Livingston North Multi-member Ward Operational Plan, the Local Senior Officer for Falkirk and West Lothian has produced a Performance Report detailing activity against the key priorities.

The seven key priorities within the Livingston North Ward area are as follows:

Continuous Priority

- Local Risk Management and Preparedness.

High Priority

- Reduction of Dwelling Fires
- Reduction in Fire Fatalities and Casualties
- Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

Medium Priority

- Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting
- Reduction of Fires in Non-Domestic Property
- Reduction in Casualties from Special Services (excluding RTC's).
- Reduction in RTC Fatalities and Casualties

E. CONCLUSION

The Livingston North Multi-member Ward Performance Report aligns to the key priorities of the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian 2018, the West Lothian Strategic Assessment of Community Safety and continues with the excellent partnership working on Community Safety, which is evident in West Lothian.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Douglas Tait

Station Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

April 2021

Appendix 1 - Livingston North Multi-Member Ward Performance Report



West Lothian Council Area

Ward Performance Report

Quarter 4 20/21

Livingston North

DISCLAIMER

The figures included in this report are provisional and subject to change as a result of quality assurance and review. The statistics quoted are internal management information published in the interests of transparency and openness.

The Scottish government publishes Official Statistics each year which allow for comparisons to be made over longer periods of time.

Please ensure any external partners in receipt of these reports are aware of this.

Introduction

Welcome to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward Performance Report. This performance report is designed to provide citizens, stakeholders and partners with information relating to ward based activity undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

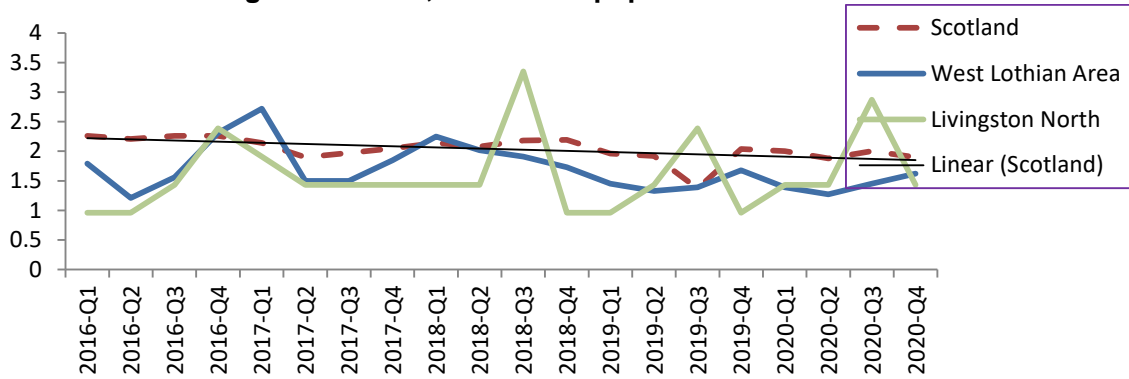
In addition to historical ward based activity, this performance report provides information on the historic activity in the West Lothian Council area and Scotland. To allow benchmarking to be undertaken, the units of measurement in the performance graphs in the report are based on incidents/events per head of population.

Whilst using historic statistical benchmarking data, consideration must be taken of the somewhat random nature of fire related incidents and events, and how this can pose difficulties in interpreting emerging patterns and trends. This is of specific relevance where ward level data is analysed due to the relatively small number of actual incidents/events that occur in ward areas.

However, regardless of statistical anomalies, emerging patterns and trends in fire related incidents and events can assist the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Community Planning Partners plan and implement preventative intervention initiatives to target reducing fire related incidents and events.

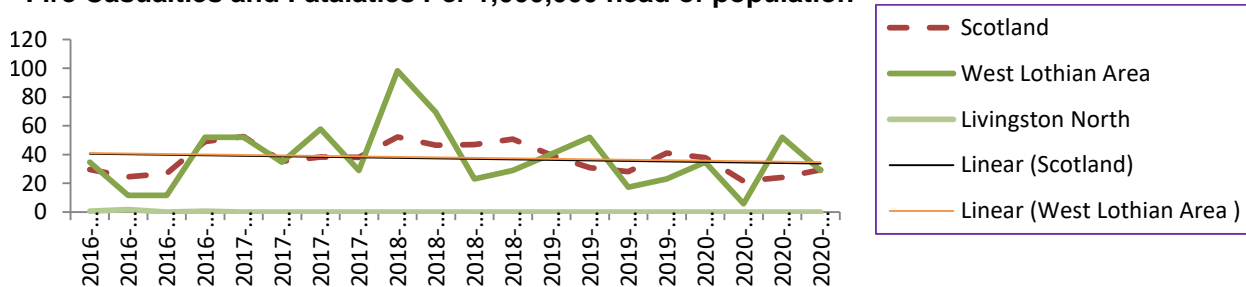
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Accidental Dwelling Fires Per 10,000 head of population



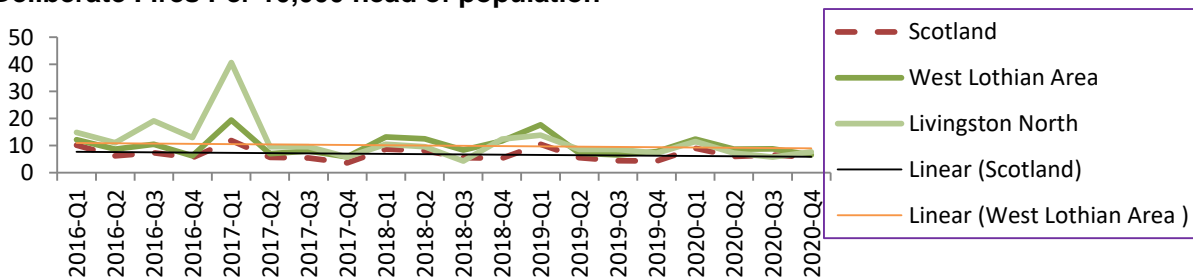
During the 2020-21 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 3 accidental dwelling fires in comparison to 2 during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

Fire Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



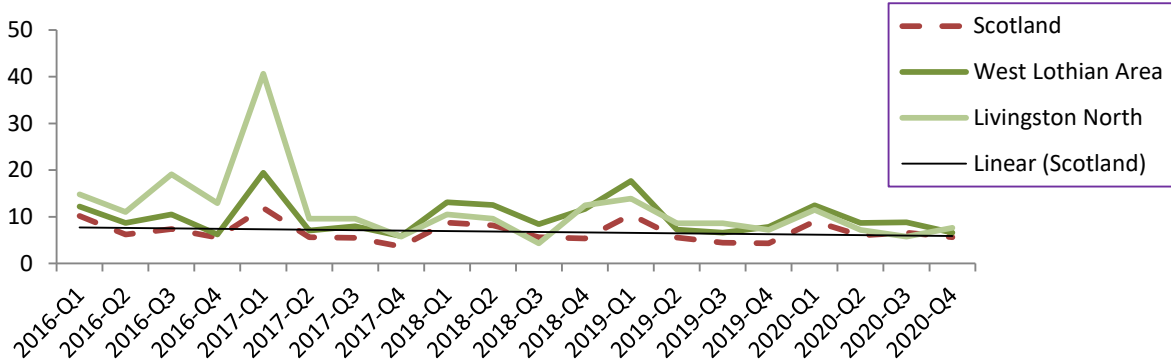
During the 2020-21 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 0 Casualties and 0 Fatalities due to fire in comparison to 1 Casualty and 0 Fatalities during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

Deliberate Fires Per 10,000 head of population



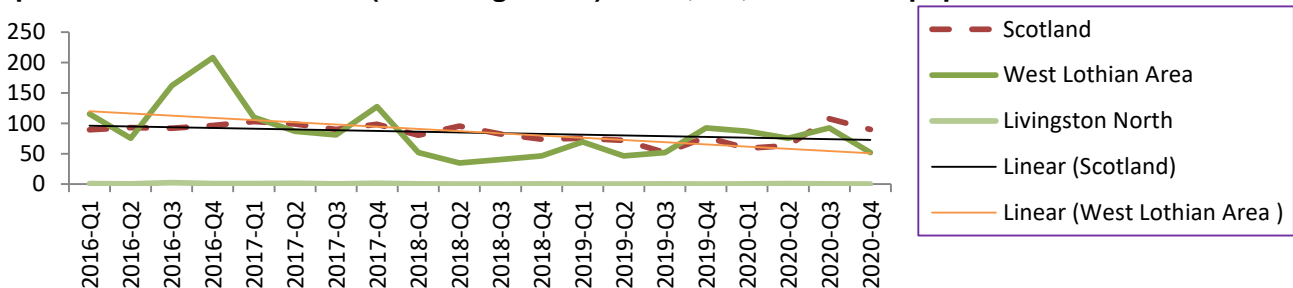
SFRS have dealt with 16 Deliberate fire incidents during 2020-21 year to date reporting period in comparison to 15 during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

Fires In Non Domestic Property Per 10,000 head of population



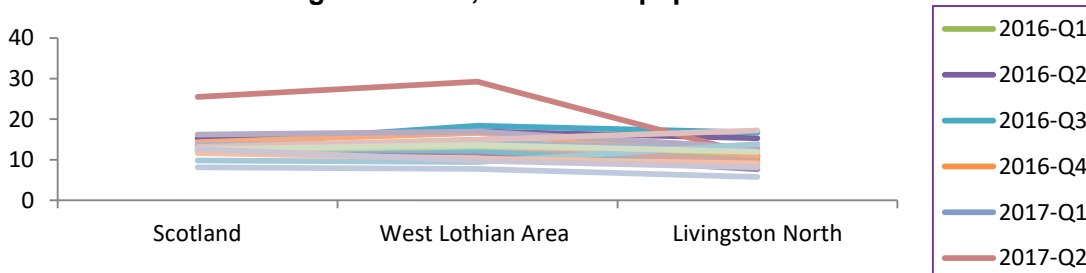
SFRS have dealt with 0 non domestic fires incidents during 2020-21 year to date reporting period in comparison to 2 during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

Special Services Casualties (excluding RTC's) Per 1,000,000 head of population



SFRS have dealt with 1 casualty from Special Services during 2020-21 year to date reporting period in comparison to 3 during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Per 10,000 head of population

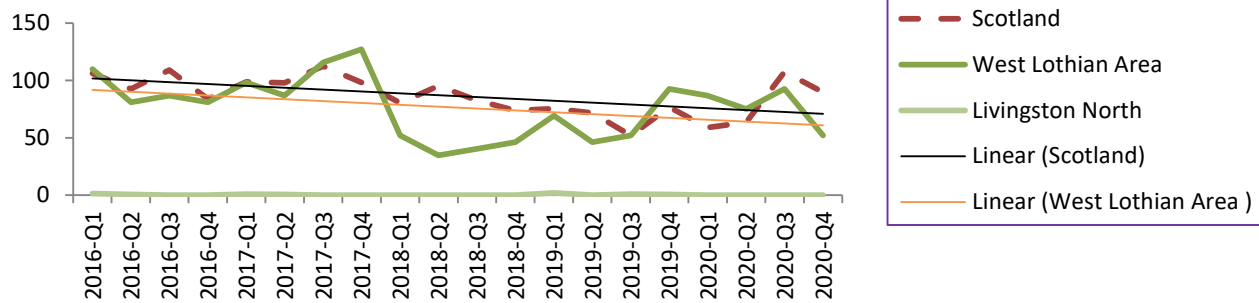


SFRS have dealt with 17 UFAS incidents during 2020-21 year to date reporting period in comparison to 19 during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

Additional Comments

SFRS is committed to '*Working Together for a Safer Scotland*' and to engage with business partners to reduce demand from Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS).

RTC Casualties and Fatalities Per 1,000,000 head of population



During the 2020-21 year to date reporting period SFRS have dealt with 0 Casualty and 0 Fatalities from RTC's in comparison to 2 Casualties and 1 Fatality during 2019-20 year to date reporting period.

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LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY REGENERATION AND TOWN CENTRE FUND UPDATE

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Area Committee on regeneration activity to support communities across the ward and update the committee on progress in delivering the Town Centre Capital Projects for the ward agreed by the Council Executive on 22 October 2019 and 15 December 2020.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes:

1. an update on the new Food Pantry within Deans which is being provided by the Livingston Islamic Centre & Mosque;
2. an update on the Vennie activity including the community garden, Connecting Scotland initiative, bike project, outreach youth work and Connecting Scotland initiative;
3. ongoing support to Livingston United Football Club in their efforts of to achieve 'senior' club status and become a community club;
4. the updates for Town Centre Fund 2019/20 and 2020/21 projects for this ward ; and
5. local applications to the West Lothian Summer of Play fund.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; providing equality of opportunities; making best use of our resources; working in partnership.
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	To be assessed on an individual project basis but it is not anticipated that any proposals will require to be the subject of specific assessments.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	The report sets out specific delegations to the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration.
IV	Impact on performance	None.

and performance Indicators

V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	<p>Outcome 1 – We make West Lothian an attractive place to do business.</p> <p>Outcome 10 – We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need.</p> <p>Outcome 12 – We value and enjoy our built environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.</p>
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Across West Lothian, a total of £1.826 million was available through this Town Centre Fund for 2019/20 and a further £658,000 has been available for 2020/21.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	Not applicable.
VIII	Other consultations	Capital Asset Management Board

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

The report updates the committee on the work of the Community Planning and Regeneration Team and its partners to support communities in Livingston North with a particular focus on Knightsridge, one of 13 areas covered by the local plans required by the Scottish Government as part of their Community Empowerment approach and reported through the Community Planning Partnership.

These areas were identified as priority areas due to being within the bottom 20% of data zones in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. The first version of the plan was presented to members in November 2018 following extensive community consultation and development and development by the Knightsridge Regeneration Group.

The report also updates on other activities that the Community Planning & Regeneration team is undertaking to support groups and communities within the ward. Much of the focus of the team over recent months has been regarding the implementation of the Town Centre Fund.

D2 Food Pantry in Deans

Livingston Islamic Centre & Mosque has initiated a food pantry from within their building on Glen's Road in Deans for the local community. This began providing a service in late March. The pantry is open on a drop-in basis between 2-3pm on Sundays or via appointment if outside this time period.

Since its inception, they report that they have managed to cater to in excess of 20 families. They add that the West Lothian Food Network continues to be a major help as we get regular supply of food from them. However, they are still searching for additional suppliers of food. The Community Regeneration Officer has suggested they contact local supermarkets and the local shops within the Deans

neighbourhood centre, as well as making links with neighbouring food project who may occasionally have excess supplies for their own projects.

D3 Vennie Update

- D3.1** Summer Programme: The Vennie has applied to the West Lothian Summer of Play fund to help provide funds to the Vennie's summer programme. This will look to run four days per week and addition to the activities within and around the Vennie's building will also look to involve bike rides and trips. The proposal is also hoping to obtain funding to incorporate the outreach work into this programme for a day per week during the summer holidays.

This will help enable the partnership agreement to fund the outreach work until the end of March.

- D3.2** Outreach work: a partnership agreement between the Vennie and the council's Work with Young People team has been developed. Both partners are contributing financial resources to enable the continuation of the outreach and youth empowerment work until the end of March 2022.

The contracted artist for the Carmondean Bus Shelter and Underpasses project is accompanying the outreach workers on their walkabouts in Carmondean on Friday 11 June to raise awareness of the project with young people there, try to gather feedback and gauge if there is any further interest in it by the young people.

- D3.3** Community Garden: Staff and volunteers have continued to develop the community garden area. Of the 21 growing beds in the garden, 18 beds are rented, so only 3 remain available for residents or groups to hire. A 'life skills' club for young people operates on a Wednesday there.

The trampoline equipment which was funded by the Town Centre Fund via Knightsridge Community Council has been installed in the community garden. Further to the pergola roof being attached to the wooden frame in the communal area in the garden, the group of older people are continuing to have social gatherings before and after the food outlet session in the community centre next door.

- D3.4** Bike Project: the Bike Lending Library Technician has been in post for a few months. They have been cataloguing the bikes and bring them all up to standard into a usable condition. Unfortunately, this meant around 30 bikes were no longer in a usable condition and had to be scrapped. The library includes a range of bikes from small kids bikes to BMX and mountain bikes.

The project is currently operating on Tuesdays and Fridays. An average of 25 bikes are lent out on these days. Cycle-led rides resumed on Friday 11 June with a trip to Eliburn Park. During the summer holidays, the bike project will be looking to have one or two of these per week. There are different levels of ability, with some young people able to cycle much further than the distances that are normally undertaken so the project is considering creating some rides where young people can go longer distances.

- D3.5** Connecting Scotland: all the eight devices that were obtained for families (six Chomebooks and two ipads) have been distributed. Five out of the six devices and MiFi for the older and/or disabled people have been distributed.

The community champion has been trained and is supporting people to use their devices and deal with any technical difficulties they encounter.

- D3.6** Youth Forum: the Community Regeneration Officer met with the youth forum in Mid-May on their request. This was to discuss local issues and concerns the young people had.

One specific area of interest they had related to the 'fivey' MUGA (multi-use games area) facility, just outside Mosswood Community Centre. They raised some concerns about the condition of the surface within it, mainly holes and lack of drainage to allow water to escape following rainfall. There are also a couple of missing panels here.

These concerns were feedback to officers in Open Spaces (Operational Services). The service has advised that the MUGA is included in the council's Capital Programme for 2022/23. They will accelerate some of this funding just now in order to make the asset safe and suitable for playing. This will mean patching the holes (undertaken in early June) then take wider repairs in the autumn, before a likely full resurfacing with the same rubber material, fixing of fence panels and a redesign of drainage system.

- D3.7** Litter Pick: Knightsridge and West Lothian Litter-Pickers have organised a litter pick in the area on Sunday 13 June at 11am.

D4 Livingston United Football Club

Officers from Property Services met with representatives from the football club at their ground in Deans in early May. They are discussing the terms of a new lease for the club. A longer lease term should help the club to be in a better position for trying to obtain larger-scale funding and help satisfy the criteria for their recent progression to senior status within the Scottish Football Association's (SFA) development framework.

Property Services have agreed to attend to the car park area and trim back some hedges to support the club.

The Regeneration Officer has continued to liaise with the manager from the club over other plans they are pursuing for improving the club and facility

D5 Town Centre Fund 2019/20 & 2020/21 Project Updates

The deadline for projects funded from both years allocations to have been commissioned has now passed. The remaining deadline is for all projects to be complete by 30 September 2021

Updates on some of the outstanding projects within the ward are as follows.

D5.1 Carmondean

CAR01/CAR20-01: Carmondean Community Council - Underpass and Bus Shelter Art project

The contracted artist has been undertaking engagement with a range of local community groups. This has involved a range of engagement tools from providing packs to children's groups and school, structured sessions and group discussions to generate the themes and ideas for the artwork.

The planning group for this, involving the Community Council as project 'owner', Community Regeneration and Community Arts will meet with the artist in July to

discuss the outcomes of the public engagement and subsequent early designs. The installation of artwork will then take place between then and end of September, as per funding conditions.

D5.2 Eliburn

ELI20-01: Eliburn Community Council – Improving Safety

The proposed start date for these works is 1 August. The contractor has been appointed but due to the need to protect the new footway against the possibility of utility companies and other contractors excavating in it or digging it up, the process required a three-month notification period on the roadworks register, hence the above start date.

Officers will meet with the contractor in July to discuss the works and confirm details prior to the works starting on site.

D5.3 Livingston Village

LIV20-02: Livingston Village Community Council - Livingston Village Hub Memorial

Further to update to the previous meeting of the Local Area Committee, the community council has advised that the artist is going to begin works in June. Some preparatory work to the area will be undertaken by the community council beforehand.

D5.4 Deans

MA001/ DEA20-01: Planning Services, WLC - Livingston Station Local Centre, Deans Livingston – public realm enhancement

As was reported to the previous meeting of the Local Area Committee, Construction Services appointed a contractor at the end of March 2021 to undertake public realm improvement works across several Livingston neighbourhood centres, including Deans.

Lists of the contracted and quoted works for the Deans neighbourhood centre area have been provided by Construction Services and sent to the local members for the ward for their consideration and feedback. The specification of works identified as part of this contract is subject to change. This allows for elements to be deleted and/or added following the engagement with local members and the relevant neighbouring property owners.

Whilst the works that were costed for Deans amount to the region of £74,000, there is £34,171 available for the area.

D5.5 Knightsridge

KNI20-01: Knightsridge Community Council – Inclusive Play

The installation of the inclusive trampoline is complete. Open Spaces have inspected and will sign off the invoice shortly. Safety barriers which surround the new facility will remain in place until the grass has established through the grass mat.

D5.6 Next steps

Officers will continue to keep in contact with all organisations and service leads for the projects that are yet to be completed, to ensure that the projects are going to be delivered within the timescales outlined above.

D6 West Lothian Summer of Play fund

In addition to the Vennie's application to this fund, detailed in D3.1, the council's Work with Young People team has applied to this for the Livingston Station area. The application is just short of the £10k maximum that can be applied for. This aims to run a programme five days per week, with four of these days operating out of the community centre there and a trip on the remaining day per week.

Applicants are due to be advised of the outcome of these applications on 14 June.

E. CONCLUSION

Members are asked to note the above activities taking place across the ward and in particular the support to groups to help deliver the Town Centre Fund projects that have been granted funding within the ward.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

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LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 18 JUNE 2021

	Report	Purpose	Lead Officer	Meeting
	Economic Development and Regeneration	To update on regeneration activity within the ward	Craig McCorriston	17 Sept 2021
	Police Report	Quarterly update on police/NRT activity	PC Alan McMahon	
	Fire and Rescue	To provide an update on Operational Services activity	Stuart McNiven	
	Housing Report	Quarterly update on Housing Services activity (inclusive of Deans South and Springfield updates)	Ann Marie Carr	
	Operational Services Report	To provide a quarterly update report on activity	Jim Jack	
	Economic Development and Regeneration	To update on regeneration activity within the ward	Craig McCorriston	19 Nov 2021
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	School presentations	To inform members of the attainment and activity of schools. Schools will be approached to present to the LAC after this academic year's results are published in the summer.	Various	TBC